



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Stephen P. Kendall §
Serial No.: 10/633,217 § Examiner: Minh-Chau T. Pham
Filed: August 1, 2003 § Art Unit: 1724
For: **CARTIDGE LOCKING DEVICE** §
AND METHOD §

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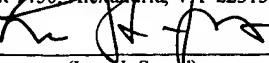
RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 12, 2004

In response to the Office Action dated August 12, 2004, having a shortened statutory period of response set to expire on November 12, 2004, please enter this Response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account Number 11-0533 / LHS / Steelcraft, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this Response timely and acceptable to the Office. A separate Petition for One Month Extension is being submitted herewith.

In this Response, **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this Paper. **Arguments/Remarks** begin on page 13.

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